

## From Where We Stand...

### RAIN!

Just one little word sums up this week in the record books — Rain! It cleanses our minds, momentarily at least, of the war in Vietnam, the dirt and delusion of politics, and the fruitless wrath of racial strife.

It's a golden word — R-A-I-N. Simple and plain, like so many of the other essential words in everyday life — food; faith; friend; trust; love. As an aside, isn't it interesting that so many of the really important and meaningful words in our lives are so appropriately short, uncluttered, and uncomplicated?

The drought is not over for us by any means, at least, not yet. It still stalks this paradise of ours, and is now in its fifth straight year.

But how quickly we rally when our side scores a point! Spirits lift, and "hope springs eternal" This was a good rain, heavy and damaging in some parts of the county, but, on the whole, good. And certainly in the nick of time.

You may have forgotten, but looking back in Lancaster Farming at this time we found that the end of July last year was the turning point in our dry torment. July floundered out amid great drought-breaking moisture, and August came in on a raft.

Those rains didn't solve our long-term drought problem, but they sure helped make a crop!

Hopefully, we're in for a repeat performance this year. Some of the early corn has tassled-out at four feet tall, or less. But even that crop can be helped a little at this point with sufficient rainfall.

Farmers harvested record-breaking small grain crops, by all indications. The big question now is the total corn, forage, and tobacco crops, and, of course, the ever-nagging water table problem.

But maybe all the old pump needed was a little priming.

Anyway, Come On Rain!



**HOLSTEIN FIELD DAY WINNERS** in the type judging contest. (left to right) Marlin Smoker, Stevens R1, Youth Champion; Mrs. Donald Hershey, Mannheim R2, winner of the Senior Ladies Division; and J. Mowery Frey Jr., Beaver Valley Pike, Senior Mens Class and top scorer. The event held Wednesday drew 600 county Holstein breeders, their families and friends. L. F. Photo

### ● Holstein Field Day

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you must put it in the silo do it before it dries up completely

"It is very important to give your cows comfort on these hot days. And don't forget to give them something to eat. They are roughage-eating animals, and with the meadows so dry they need hay or silage beside short feed," Plastow said.

He also asked the 4-H members who will be showing their animals at the Lancas

ter County 4-H Dairy Round-up, Aug. 2, at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion, to wash their animals before bringing them to the show, since a water shortage has developed at the sales barn.

To sum up all the rain talk, president Clarence Stauffer, Ephrata R1, adjourned the meeting with, "Now we're ready for rain!"

### JUDGING CONTEST

In the morning type-judging contest, J. Mowery Frey Jr., Beaver Valley Pike, scored 283 points of a possible 300 to win both the John W. Eshelman and Sons trophy for the highest total score and the associations model cow award for the winner in the senior men's division.

Junior Champion was Marlin Smoker, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smoker, Stevens R1, with 250 points. He took home a model cow from the breeders and the Eshelman youth trophy.

Mrs. Donald Hershey, Mannheim R2, topped the ladies division with 249.9 points. Other ladies winning prizes were Mrs. E. R. Newswanger, Kin-

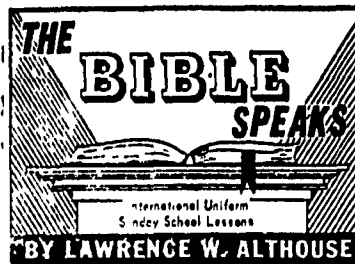
zer, 245 points; Mrs. Richard Hess, Strasburg R1, 240 points; Susanne Keener, Mannheim R3, 238.6 points, and Vera Martin, Ephrata R1, 233.3 points.

Other men winners were Robert Kindeg, Beaver Valley Pike, 274 points, Robert Kauffman, Elizabethtown R1, 266 points, Robert Wenger, Quarryville R1, 251 points, and Jay Garber, Lancaster R6, 250 points.

In the youth division following Smoker was Harold Weiler, Ephrata R1, 249 points, Janet Kurtz, 1160 N. Market Street, Elizabethtown, 235 points, Robert Hess, Strasburg R1, 234 points, and Shirley Hershey, Lititz R2, 233 points.

Other people appearing on the afternoon program included Miss Carol Ann Hess, Lancaster County Dairy Princess, Elvin Hess, Jr. State Director, and William Nichol, secretary, Pennsylvania Holstein Association.

Stamp collecting put a premium on poor printing since a blot, blur or misprint increases the value of a stamp to collectors.



### Made for Man

Lesson For July 31, 1963

Background Scripture: Ex. 16:1-12; 17:1-7; Luke 24:1-11; Mark 16:1-7; John 20:1-9; 1 Cor. 15:1-11.  
Devotional Reading: Psalm 124:1-8, 10-12.

"Because I said so!" This is a typical response from a parent to the inevitable "why?" of the child who has been told to do something. "Ours is not to reason why, ours is but to do and die," mused a teenager in my presence some time ago.



The fact is, however, that many people do "reason why," or at least attempt to do so. For short-range results "Because I said so!" may be adequate, but for long-range results it is best that we take cognizance of the need to "reason why." Too often we have attempted to teach values and morals without helping the learner to understand the purpose behind them. Thus today it is no longer enough to say to many people "The Ten Commandments say..." For them the Ten Commandments as well as all other religious laws and values are simply arbitrary requirements which some people impose upon others.

### PURPOSE BEHIND LAW

The Ten Commandments are not outmoded, but perhaps our careless way of teaching them is to reach into corners and crevices of our lives, to reach us in our contemporary world. We can no longer and refresh us and then send us into the back to our work, that is the Bible or "Moses said..." We purpose behind the Fourth Commandment, however, help them to better appreciate the God whose every command is given for the welfare of men. We have said, for example, that God commands us to "have no other gods" before him because the inner "civil war" of divided loyalties is harmful to us as well as insulting to God. We have said that the worship of graven images is wrong because it handicaps man with a vest-pocket size God. The commandments are not arbitrary whims of a capricious God, but concrete evidences of his plan for man's welfare and happiness.

This is no less true of the Fourth Commandment: "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it

holy... in it you shall not do any work." Many people regard this as an annoying regulation that interferes with their own plans. Yet, Jesus provides the key when he says: "The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath." (Mark 2:27 RV) This observance, which to some is but the arbitrary requirement of a task-master God, is really his provision for the enrichment of his children.

### A DAY APART

"To keep it holy," meaning to set it apart for special observance and treatment. The sabbath day is not to be like all other days. Even more specifically: "in it you shall not do any work." The rhythm of work-and-rest, work-and-rest is part of the master tempo of the universe and the commandment purposes to bring men into step with that tempo for the sake of their own renewal and well-being. Left to this own sense of timing, man has a way of making life into a ceaseless treadmill. The sabbath change of pace is not merely desirable but essential if man is to function with the full capacities with which he is created.

There is another "reason why" work is forbidden on the sabbath. It is a simple matter for men to become wholly engrossed in work and the pursuit of material gain. There are some families in which it is financially necessary for husbands to hold down two or even three jobs or for both husband and wife to work. Yet I have often observed that in many cases it is not necessity but greed that lies at the bottom of it all. The sabbath is a weekly reminder to us that life is more than bread... or cake.

Finally, the sabbath represents God's recognition of man's greatest need: himself! Although we can commune with him daily in the midst of our toil, there is also a weekly need to give him our undivided attention. To allow him opportunity for a time-exposure, to reach into corners and crevices of our lives, to reach us in our contemporary world. We can no longer and refresh us and then send us into the back to our work, that is the Bible or "Moses said..." We purpose behind the Fourth Commandment, however, help them to better appreciate the God whose every command is given for the welfare of men. We have said, for example, that God commands us to "have no other gods" before him because the inner "civil war" of divided loyalties is harmful to us as well as insulting to God. We have said that the worship of graven images is wrong because it handicaps man with a vest-pocket size God. The commandments are not arbitrary whims of a capricious God, but concrete evidences of his plan for man's welfare and happiness.

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### GIVE COWS SHELTER

Cows need shade during hot weather. If trees are not available, Joe Taylor, extension dairy specialist at Penn State University, says a cheap shelter serves the purpose and pays dividends. Where zero grazing is practiced cows will consume more chopped grass if feed bunks or self-feeding wagons are located in the shade.

## Now Is The Time...

By Max Smith, Lancaster County Agent



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### To Request Gasoline Tax Refund

Farmers are entitled to a refund of 7c per gallon for state taxes paid on gasoline used for agricultural purposes. This request must be made by September 30 to the Board of Finance and Revenue, Harrisburg. No claim for federal taxes paid on agricultural gasoline will be required until income tax reporting time.

### To Sow Redcoat Wheat

Growers who are interested in using Redcoat wheat for grazing or green chopping as well as for a grain crop next year, can get the seeding operation underway about the middle of August. We suggest that three bushels of seed be applied per acre for best

grazing results. Since Redcoat wheat is resistant to Hessian Fly, there is little need to wait until the fly-free date.

### To Use Caution

Green-chopping is as dangerous as grazing.

### With Drouthy Crops

The nitrate content of corn and many forage crops will increase during extreme dry weather and be especially toxic to animals from 3 to 5 days after a good rain. Producers throughout the county are urged to respect the timing on their crops, due to the recent rains, and be sure to keep their animals from consuming the forage during this period. Stunted corn, sudan grass, or the sudan-sorghum hybrids, can be extremely dangerous.

### To Make Alfalfa Seedlings

With improved moisture conditions alfalfa growers are urged to make their summer seedlings early in August; experiments favor seedlings made during the first week or ten days rather than later in the month. Some attention to weed control is essential; either use Eptam a few days prior to seeding, or use 2,4-D-B when the weeds are one to two inches high.

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